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Application of: Mark Timothy BENNETT
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SURFACES

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Dear Sir;

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is responsive to the *Restriction Requirement* dated 28.June.2006 in the above identified application.

At the outset, the applicant TRAVERSES the Examiner's requirement as to the election between the claims of Group I (claims 1-7, 12 and 21 directed to a hard surface treatment

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composition) and Group II (claims 8-11, directed to a process for the treatment of a hard surface).

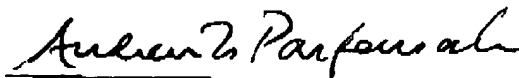
It is the applicant's view the subject matter of the Group I and Group II claims is sufficiently technically proximate wherein the Examiner may collectively search the subject matter of all of the present claims in a single search, which would not impart an undue burden on the Examiner. As any search of the Group I claims would very likely also encompass documents which relate to the utility and uses of such compositions, it is believe that a proper and coextensive search of the Group I and Group II claims is feasible without causing an undue burden on the Examiner. As such it is believed that the Examiner's restriction requirement is inappropriate and it is requested that it be withdrawn.

Nonetheless, in order to ensure a proper response should the Examiner maintain the restriction requirement, the applicants elect the Group I claims for further prosecution in the instant application.

Conditional Authorization for Fees

Should any further fee be required by the Commissioner in order to permit the timely entry of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully Submitted;



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